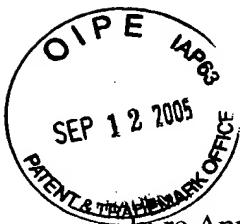


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In the Final Office Action mailed July 8, 2005, the Examiner rejected 1-20. Applicants have amended Claim 8. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to further examine and reconsider the rejection of Claims 1-20.